

Course Outline



COURSE NAME: ELCC 330 B

Ecology of Family

Winter 2026

ELCC 330 B– Ecology of the Family

3 credits, 45 hours

Course Description:

This course provides an overview of the family in today's society and increases the students' understanding of family dynamics and diversity. The focus is on the ecology of the family with reference to poverty, affluence, violence, the women's movement, and the child's rights. A collaborative approach to family-staff communication and involvement will be applied. 'A Practice of Relationships' from the Alberta Curriculum Framework will also be explored.

Pre-Co-requisites:

NOTE: Not available to students with credit in ELCC 303 and ELCC 304.

Prerequisite: ELCC Certificate or equivalent

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the range of perspectives for understanding the family, including the family systems and ecological approaches.
2. Define the nature, dynamics, and development of the modern family.
3. Explain how to support the socialization role of the family.
4. Discuss how to establish and support collaborative relationships between families and the early childhood program.
5. Apply specific ways of enhancing family-staff communication to one's unique work situation.
6. Summarize the influences on the family including government policies (local, provincial and national) and societal trends such as the women's movement.

7. Develop sensitivity to support families facing challenges of families such as: separation and divorce, blending families, single and teenage parenting, special needs parenting, LGBTQ, poverty, death, violence and abuse.
8. Utilize a practice of relationships from the Alberta Curriculum framework to describe values for meaningful family relationships.

Evaluation:

Assessment Type	Percentage
Quizzes and tests	35%
Assignments and projects	65%

Course Completion Requirements

A progression grade of C- is required

Grading Scale:

4.0	A+	93-100
4.0	A	85-92.9
3.7	A-	80-84.9
3.3	B+	77-79.9
3.0	B	74-76.9
2.7	B-	70-73.9
2.3	C+	67-69.9
2.0	C	64-66.9
1.7	C-	60- 63.9
1.3	D+	55-59.9
1.0	D	50-54.9
0.0	F	0-49

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